Rehabilitation of people displaced due to construction of dams

†*370. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people displaced due to the construction of dams starting from Bhakra dam to the dam constructed on Narmada have not been fully rehabilitated;

(b) if so, the reaons for not rehabilitating these people till now; and

(c) by when, the displaced people of Narmada River dam would be fully rehabilitated?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) to (c) Irrigation being a State subject, the responsibility of planning, investigating, funding along with priority, exceution, operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, including rehabilitation of displaced families primarily rests with the concerned State Government and project authorities. Necessary provisions for resettlement and rehabilitation of project affected families are made from time to time as per the prevalent guidelines/policy/regulations. Project authorities and State Governments take appropriate action to implement the works related to resettlement and rehabilitation.

The Bhakra Beas Management Board has reported that all the outstees were resettled in accordance with the guidelines framed by Bhakra Rehabilitation Committee.

The resettlement & rehabilitation of project affected people due to submergence by Sardar Sarovar Project is carried out as per provision of Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award (NWDTA) and Supreme Court orders of October 18, 2000.

In order to guide various State Governments and other agencies in the work of resettlement and rehabilitation, the Government of India have brought out a "National Policy on the Resettlement and Rehabilitation for Project Affected Families-2003 in February 2004.

Amendment of loan grant ratio to States

†*371. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding basis for providing 70 per cent loan and 30 per cent grant to States;

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